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NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL
NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Protecting Sensitive Intelligence
Information Relating to the KAL Shootdown Incident ☐

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1. My memorandum ☐ stated my concerns regarding unauthorized disclosures regarding the KAL incident. My intention and that of the Intelligence Community is that it is now time to circle the wagons and stop talking. Contrary to any speculation which bringing down the veil generates, the only intended hiding is of sources and methods. The story has been told accurately and to push further will not provide valuable clarification but rather will put unnecessarily at risk future intelligence support to our national security. Any further discussion of the incident is not authorized; however, if pressed, you may quote from the official U.S. Government release ☐

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2. All individuals are again reminded of their obligation to protect sensitive intelligence information. I would consider any further disclosures without my specific approval to be damaging to the national security and a serious security violation. Any discussion of information about the KAL Shootdown incident ☐ even if already in the public domain can lead to classified subjects and should be avoided. I have identified ☐ some of the most sensitive subjects that must be avoided. ☐

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3. Please bring this to the attention of all personnel in your department or agency. ☐

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cc: Secretary of State
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